

[UM] Unidentified Male.
[UI] Unintelligible.
[NFI] Not Further Identified.
[Italics] Translator's comments.

Sh = Shukri Abu Baker
Om = Omar Ahmad
Ha = Haitham Maghawri
Gh = Ghassan Elashi
Ss = Sheik Sharif
Ga = Gawad
Ab = Abdel Salam

[Ghassan Elashi walks into the room and greets the others].

UM1: Peace, God's mercy and blessings.

UM2: Yesterday, the Christian fundamentalists were...UI.

UM1: They had a conference two days ago about the issue of "Hopes and fears about the issue of peace" in...

Om: Oh, yeah. I know about it. The conference which was broadcasted by the Protestants in San Diego.

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Om: May God reward you well. Brother Abou Ibrahim should have been with us, but may God heal him. He is at the hospital for those who don't know. He had a surgery yesterday. So, we ask God the Almighty to heal him. This meeting was called for by the Palestine Committee in order to have a seminar or a meeting to the brothers present here today in order to study the situation in light of the latest developments on the Palestinian arena, its effects and impact on our work here in America. We wanted this program to be a quick one so that we could implement what we get out from this meeting in our upcoming festivals and in our activities which will begin, or which have begun last week and which will continue until the end of the year. Also, we wanted to present some strategies for work in the future. So, we found some points which we asked all the brothers to look at some or all of them. They are: Political activism and public relations, popular activism, charity work, media work. ...UI some papers which I have and brought them. I think that our work at the Association [*Islamic Association for Palestine*] or what we did at the Association is a responsibility which falls on all of our shoulders and we wanted to distribute this responsibility on all the brothers who are here today to bear the burden of what is going on.

... Basically, the seminar is divided into four sessions; 3 sessions today and 1 session tomorrow, Sunday. Suggested time of the sessions are as follows: from 10-1, from 2-5, from 7-11 and, tomorrow, from 8-12. The first session will discuss the general political atmosphere and its impact on work in America. We have some papers. Those who wrote some papers could present them up in this session and...UI, could be presented at this time. We need to assign a moderator for this session. The second session will be about charity work and its future in light of the changes, it will be in the afternoon. There are papers to be presented and we will assign a moderator for this session. The third session is about political activism, media and popular activism and public relation in North America, the future and the challenges. It will be in the evening, God's willing, and we have papers to be presented...UI. Tomorrow, God's willing, the moderators of the three sessions today will be tomorrow's panel and will present. I mean, the session's moderator is responsible for taking the session's minutes, determine the papers and come up with a final paper for the session. This paper will be presented to us and approved by us and, after he present this paper to us tomorrow, we will have 3 papers, not 1 page but 3 pages. Each one will present it and then we take action plan from it on what to do, visions and modify it then we approve it, that this what we came up with in that meeting.

UMI: ...UI should have a discussion regarding America's position.

Om: The third session, who has papers? Gawad. The third session, who has papers for it? [response inaudible]. From the beginning, the first session we have Sheik Sharif and brother Abdel Salam, brother Gawad and Aboul Hasan, Abdel Halim. Anyone else? Did you write them down? The second session... Guys, stay with me so that we could finish. The second session we have Osama, Mo'een and Shukri Abu Baker and it will be about charity work. Anyone else? The third session which will be about political, media and popular activism and PR, we have Ghassan, Saleh, Gawad and Abdel Rahman, Nihad and Akram. Anyone else? Who is going to be moderator of the 1st session?

UM1: How about Gawad?

Om: Gawad is presenting a paper and those who present papers cannot be moderators.

Sh: He who is presenting papers...

Om: He who has a paper should be taking notes. The one who moderates the session should be the one giving us the finalization of the points we agreed upon.

Gh: Regarding the 1st [session], Shukri should be [moderator].

Om: There is no objection. Is there is another vote with Shukri...UI. he who feels he can do it, let him do it. The 1st [session] will be headed by Shukri, are we agreed on it? The 2nd one..., about charity work. How about brother Akram?

Ab: I came back the day before yesterday. I was there for five weeks. I mean, I was there before and after the [peace] agreement. What you notice is that, before the agreement, one would walk in Gaza Sector and would feel that it is truly autonomous without a need for anything, to this agreement which took place. I mean, it didn't need the agreement as people there have self-rule. The [Israeli] army didn't dare to go inside the Gaza Sector. During daylight and during curfew..., most of the operations used to take place during curfews. They would take place during curfews. Why, in order to minimize injuries among the public. Some people used to work on certain things before the agreement - I mean certain people who are affiliated with those who signed the agreement - which was to take advantage of the needs of the people to serve the [peaceful] solution. In reality, Gaza Sector is very bad economically. I mean, there are none of the fundamentals of an economy there. There is nothing. I mean, services, the educational aspect, the health aspect, humanitarian aspect, municipal services, any..., unemployment. All of that exist in Gaza Sector in a very obvious manner. I mean, sewage, for example, sewage in Khan Younis is like a flood in the streets...